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CEMETERIES SUPERINTENDENT

NEW JOB FOR MR. B. H. ABRAM

Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday will be asked to approve a recommendation of the Cemeteries Committee that Mr. B. H. Abram, of the Town Clerk's Department, should be appointed Cemeteries Superintendent and that his salary should be increased by £100 per annum.

The report of the Cemeteries Committee states that Mr. James Fraser, who has retired from the position of Cemeteries Superintendent on reaching the age of 65, was originally an officer of the Ramsgate and St. Lawrence Burial Boards. When the Boards were dissolved in 1935 and the cemeteries transferred to the Corporation he was responsible for a substantial portion of the clerical work, and he was also responsible for the condition of the cemeteries and was in charge of the staff.

Following the transfer of the cemeteries the responsibility for all horticultural work was transferred to the Parks and Pleasure Grounds Department and the control of workmen passed into the hands of the Borough Surveyor.

In the altered circumstances the committee do not feel that there is any need to appoint a resident Cemeteries Superintendent. Mr. Abram has acted as Committee Clerk to the committee since the Corporation assumed control and has been responsible for keeping the records of the registers and for most of the clerical and administrative work in connection with the cemeteries.

The committee feel that the clerical and administrative work hitherto undertaken by Mr. Fraser can be taken over by Mr. Abram and that he can act as Cemeteries Superintendent while continuing to carry out his other duties in the Town Clerk's Department.

It will be necessary, states the report, for Mr. Abram to devote a substantial amount of time to his duties outside normal office hours, since he must be available to undertakers and others during week-ends and holiday periods, and the committee will look to him to pay frequent visits to the cemetery and to assume responsibility under the committee for the proper conduct of the cemetery.

Mr. Fraser received a salary of £182 per annum, plus house, coal and light, and the committee feel that in view of his additional responsibilities Mr. Abram should receive a sum of £100 per annum.

GOLDEN WEDDING

CELEBRATED AT MARGATE

Married at Zion Chapel, Long Eaton, Derbyshire, in 1891, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hough, of 13 All Saints'-avenue, Margate, on Monday celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Travelling made a family reunion impossible but Mr. and Mrs. Hough received 30 congratulatory telegrams including those from their five children and ten grandchildren.

Seventy-seven years of age, Mr. Hough is a native of Warrington, Lancs. He was a decorator and rent collector in London before coming to Margate 31 years ago to open a boarding house in Marine-gardens. During the last war he was employed as a gramophone record maker and afterwards returned to Margate.

Mrs. Hough, who is five years younger than her husband, has for many years been secretary of the Margate branch of the Salvation Army Home League.

BEWARE!

RAMSGATE TEAR GAS TESTS

"Carry your gas mask—always."

The A.R.P. Sub-Controller (Mr. S. F. Butler) has reported to Ramsgate Civil Defence Committee that he proposes at an early date to arrange for public tear gas exercises.

Public tests have already been carried out in a number of East Kent towns, with painful consequences for those who were caught out without their respirators.

LIABLE TO BE SHOT

RAILWAY LINE DANGER

A warning that people found trespassing on the railway line at night were liable to be shot by members of the Home Guard was given at the Cinque Ports police court at Margate on Monday.

Derek Henry Laslett, aged 17, of Normanstead, St. Peter's, was summoned for trespassing on the line at Broadstairs.

Mr. J. H. Jones, who prosecuted for the Southern Railway, said at the present time particular care was taken to guard the railway. Had a Home Guard been about at the time defendant was on the line it might not have been so fortunate for him as appearing before a court. For their own safety people should realise that they should not trespass on the line.

P/C Fairbeard said that at 9.25 p.m. on 1st October he was in his garden at Mayville-road, St. Peter's, which overlooked the main railway line from Ramsgate to London, when he saw two persons on the permanent way. He shouted to them and they ran up the bank towards Napier-road. Witness was joined later by D/C Self and after examining the railway track, which was in order, they made inquiries in the vicinity. Later they interviewed defendant.

D/C Self said he interviewed one lad, and as a result of what he said he saw defendant, who admitted being on the railway line and said "I was in the wrong."

Laslett said he and the other lad were being chased by some boys and they ran over the railway line because it was the nearest way out.

Inspr. Belsey said defendant had since been helpful to the police and nothing was known against him.

The bench dismissed the case with a caution and ordered defendant to pay 4s. costs.

"For your own safety keep off the railway," said the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson).

The lad who was with Laslett appeared before the juvenile court, being under 17 years of age.

He said they were chasing each other and ran up the railway bank.

Alderman A. G. Hine: Even if you are on the bank you are liable to be shot if you are challenged by a Home Guard and do not answer.

The case against the boy was dismissed with a caution.

A READER FOR OVER 41 YEARS

This week's post bag from readers renewing postal subscriptions to the Thanet Advertiser & Echo includes these extracts:

"I am always eager to get your paper every week. When one is away from home it does help to keep one in touch with the needs of Thanet."—From Farnborough, Kent.

"We certainly should not like to miss your weekly news after having been subscribers for over 41 years."—From Wandsworth Common, S.W.

"Enclosed 3s. for continuation of paper, and thank you for your prompt delivery."—From Aldershot, Hants.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 6.11 p.m.	—7.17 a.m.
Wednesday	.. 6.9 p.m.	—7.19 a.m.
Thursday	... 6.7 p.m.	—7.21 a.m.
Friday	... 6.5 p.m.	—7.23 a.m.
Saturday	.... 6.3 p.m.	—7.25 a.m.
Sunday	... 6.1 p.m.	—7.27 a.m.
Monday	... 5.59 p.m.	—7.29 a.m.

FROM BOSTON TO BROADSTAIRS

A LONG RIDE FOR TWO BOB

SOLDIER'S DEFACED RAILWAY TICKET

L/Corpl. George Albert Creasy went on leave. He found himself at Boston, Lincs., with only 2s. in his pocket and he had to get back to Broadstairs. He managed to do so by buying a ticket to Peterborough, erasing the word "Peterborough" and substituting "Broadstairs."

At the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, Creasy was fined £1 for travelling beyond Peterborough to Broadstairs without paying the additional fare and with intent to avoid payment.

Mr. J. H. Jones, who prosecuted, said defendant travelled from Broadstairs to Boston with a single ticket issued at a special rate to members of the Forces on leave. On coming back he was short of money and booked from Boston to Peterborough, altering the destination on the ticket from Peterborough to Broadstairs.

Sidney Goldsack, foreman at Broadstairs station, said he collected the tickets from passengers arriving by the train due at 11.5 p.m. on 20th September. When looking through the tickets later he found that one had been altered. He knew it was given up by a soldier.

D/I Dodson, of the Southern Railway police, said he saw defendant on 23rd September and showed him the altered ticket. Defendant said "There is not much I can say. I am willing to pay the fare. I was short of money when I went. I altered the ticket because I had not enough money to come back on. I went to the station last night about 6 p.m. to see the stationmaster but I was told he was not there."

Wife Short of Money.

Creasy told the court he went home on 48 hours' leave and was given a grant but it was not enough for the return fare. His wife was short of money and he had only 2s. in his pocket. At the time he altered the ticket he did not realise the seriousness of the matter. He was willing to pay when he received some money. The fare due was 11s. 9d. He could not ask for more money when he returned because he was already in debt and it would have made the position worse for his wife, who would have had more money stopped from her allowance.

The Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson): Didn't it occur to you to mention it to the collector when you gave up your ticket?

Defendant: I was going to the next night but I was on guard.

The Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan): Didn't you have to produce a ticket at all between Boston and Broadstairs?

Defendant: No. When I came out of King's Cross the collector said "Through?" and I said "Yes." There was no one at London Bridge to see it.

An officer in court said during the four months he had known defendant he had always found him most trustworthy. Soldiers were allowed two free railway vouchers a year and at other times when they went on leave they travelled at a reduced rate.

The Chairman said it was a pity that a man who was showing signs of obtaining promotion did not think twice before taking such a step.

An application by Mr. Jones for costs was refused.

OFFICIALS' CARS

ALLOWANCES TO BE REVIEWED

The question of car allowances to Corporation officials is to be reviewed by Ramsgate Town Council.

The report of the Finance Committee to be presented to the Council on Thursday states that the Borough Treasurer reported that, in view of the present heavy cost of running a car, he had laid up his car which for some years past he has used for official as well as for personal purposes, and discussed with the committee "the effect which the elimination of a car has upon the efficiency of his department."

The committee felt that, in view of the use which the Borough Treasurer and also the Town Clerk made of their cars for official purposes, a car allowance should be granted them out, before making a recommendation, considered the question of car allowances made to all officials of the Corporation should be reviewed.

The committee accordingly recommended that a sub-committee consisting of Aldermen J. J. White, T. W. Mockridge, A. R. Petley and C. R. Woodhams be appointed to consider the question and submit recommendations in due course through the Finance Committee to the Council in committee.

COMING TO TERMS

The Engineer (Mr. R. H. Ruthven) has reported to the Gas and Water Committee of Ramsgate Town Council that he has had two interviews with the Area Officer of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers and that agreement has been reached upon the points raised with one exception —the designation of shift workers. This will be the subject of further discussion.

EARNED £10 A WEEK

BUT HE DIDN'T DRINK

A 20-year-old shipwright, who appeared before the magistrates at Ramsgate police court on Monday, stated that he was earning £10 a week.

The man was Douglas Thorogood, of Kent-place, and he was summoned for committing a nuisance in King-street on 14th October.

The case was proved by P/S Files, who said the offence was committed at 10.50 p.m.

"I don't know whether the bench can help me," said the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler). "For quite a time we have been troubled with this filthy habit all over the place. People take advantage of the black-out and have no respect for places of business or shop doorways. It is a filthy habit and is very difficult to detect."

In reply to the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry), defendant said he was earning £10 a week. He had been in the town only three months and did not know his way about very well.

Announcing that defendant would be fined 10s., the Chairman said it was an offence which had got to stop.

The Chief Constable: If people did not fill themselves up so there would not be half this trouble.

Defendant: I beg your pardon, sir, I don't drink.

ARMY MUSIC

TOWNSPEOPLE INVITED TO CONCERT

The full band of a famous infantry regiment will give a concert at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, this afternoon.

The performance, to which the townspeople of Ramsgate are invited free of charge will begin at 2.30.

A two-hour programme of music will be presented.

MORE BUNKS WANTED

BIG INCREASED DEMAND

The demand for bunks in Ramsgate's tunnel shelters has substantially increased, and all surplus bunks have now been allocated.

In view of the fact that applications for bunks are still being received and in order to meet future emergency requirements, the Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) has made application to the Regional Authority for approval to the provision of additional bunking for approximately 1,600 people.

On receipt of the Regional Authority's approval the Engineer has been authorised to carry out the work.

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ABSENT ALDERMAN

ANOTHER COUNCIL VACANCY

As Alderman L. F. Davey has not attended a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council during the past six months, the Council propose to declare a vacancy in the office of alderman.

Alderman Davey was a returning officer for the West Cliff Ward, where the only remaining member appointed before the war is Councillor C. F. Sanders.

£70,000 OVERDRAWN

The Borough Treasurer, Mr. H. Oliver Jones, reported to the Finance Committee of Ramsgate Council last week that the net balance overdrawn at the bank was £71,684 1s. 1d.

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Russia, in the throes of the most gigantic and heroic action the world has ever seen, is relying on Great Britain and America for supplies to continue the gallant resistance to the common enemy.

Lord Beaverbrook has pledged the support of the British people. We cannot all work in munitions factories but we can all help to produce the raw materials from which munitions are made.

One hundred thousand tons of waste paper must be collected—NOW. Shipping space can no longer be used to import it. That valuable space must be diverted to carry munitions to Russia.

Far too much paper is still being wasted. Far too many people are still putting it into dustbins, where it becomes dirty or wet and useless.

One empty cigarette packet or an old newspaper or book may not appear to be of much use.

But one ton of them can be turned into: 1,500 shell containers; or 11,000 mine assemblies; or 71,000 dust covers for aero engines; or 36,000 cut-out targets; or 3,000 boxes for aero-cannon shells.

Those Old Bills.

Every tradesman has papers stored away. Bills and circulars, notes and memoranda. All are needed in the great drive being organised throughout the country.

Just before Lord Beaverbrook's stirring speech Ramsgate Council of Social Service had begun to reorganise its waste paper collecting scheme. Why? The chief reason was that the amount of material being collected was falling off and people appeared to be less conscious of the need to save every scrap.

The success of the new Ramsgate drive will be determined by individual householders, by shopkeepers, by offices and works managers—by YOU. The responsibility for producing the goods rests with you. The responsibility for collecting them is the concern of the Council of Social Service.

Collection is a big problem, particularly in view of transport restrictions, so people with small bundles of waste paper of all kinds can help by taking them direct to the central receiving depot, 8 Broad-street, or dropping them into the chute at Messrs. Page's old premises in Queen-street.

If, after you have searched the house from cellar to attic, you find, as you probably will, that the waste material is too heavy to carry, drop a card to the Secretary, Council of Social Service, 1 Effingham-street, Ramsgate.

Shops can act as receiving depots for their customers and employers of labour should ask their employees to bring to the shop, office, or works all waste paper material. The Council of Social Service will undertake to collect it from all business premises.

People might usefully explore the possibility of forming street waste paper savings groups. The Council of Social Service will give the necessary advice and help.

The appeal is urgent. The need is great. See that the response is equally great.

THOSE RAILINGS

COUNCIL HEAR APPEALS

The Works Committee of Ramsgate Town Council recently considered appeals from persons who asked that their railings should not be removed on account of their artistic merit or historic interest or "for other reasons."

A report to be presented to the Council on Thursday states:

"After carefully considering the Borough Engineer's observations upon each appeal the committee agreed in a number of cases not to schedule the railings, etc., for removal and to refer their remaining appeals to the Assistant Director of Emergency Works (Salvage) for the decision of the Minister of Supply, which will be conveyed to the local authority and to the owners."

TUNNEL SHELTER WARDENS

The Regional Authority have informed Ramsgate Town Council that no authority exists for graded ranks or higher rates of pay for shelter wardens. They suggest that shelter wardens should be based on the nearest wardens' post and that Head Wardens or Senior Wardens should be responsible for the preparation of duty rosters and other details of administration.

The Civil Defence Committee of the Corporation feel that special circumstances exist in Ramsgate where shelter wardens are entirely located in the deep tunnel shelters, and are again asking the Regional Authority to give consideration to their proposals for graded ranks and higher rates of pay.

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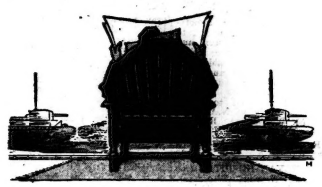

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Reporting to Ramsgate Town Council on the completion of the audit of the Council's accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1940, Mr. E. H. V. Weigall, the District Auditor, wrote:

"It is not considered necessary to refer to any matter at the present time beyond stating that the financial position consequent upon the war and the loss of income sustained has been the subject of close examination in connection with the assistance afforded by the Government."

Mr. (Weigall added: "The exceptional difficulties under which the work of the various departments has been carried out with the consequent delay in the preparation of the accounts for audit are fully appreciated and thanks are due to the Treasurer and all officers responsible to audit for the excellent manner in which the accounts were presented and the assistance afforded during the conduct of the audit."

THEY WANT TO KNOW

OFFICIALS TO LECTURE COUNCILLORS

The report of the Civil Defence Committee, to be presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, states that the chairman (Councillor A. R. Young) suggested that at a special meeting or meetings of the committee appropriate officers should address them upon the operational and administrative aspects of the Civil Defence organisation in the borough, in order to give members an opportunity of appreciating the organisation in broad outline.

The committee approved the chairman's suggestion and the meetings are to be arranged in the near future.

WOMEN POLICE AT RAMSGATE

The Home Office has approved the appointment at Ramsgate of two motor drivers and two telephonists in the Women's Auxiliary Police Corps.

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

ONLY ONE SPREE LESS

By S. HUDSON

My first introduction to "Jack Richmond" was, to put it mildly, not calculated to impress one favourably with the individual in question.

I was plodding wearily along on a tired horse, having done fifty miles under a blistering summer's sun, amidst a yellow fog of dust, through which the aforesaid orb glared like a red-hot globe of metal fresh from some infernal furnace.

Just as I entered a belt of pine scrub a vision flashed round a sharp corner of the road in front. It was that of a sober old horse, whose sides were red with spurring, coming at a swinging hand gallop without a bridle, and on his back the most hopelessly drunken man that I ever expect to see, on horseback, at any rate.

As they turned the corner sharply, the rider's body lurched over in a way that apparently defied the law of gravitation, and then in a limp disjointed fashion, swung back to a perpendicular attitude, only to lurch just as far over the other way the next moment; the eccentric horseman's wiry bandy legs, which, apparently like the horse, were sober, gripping the animal's ribs like a vice all the while, spite of gyrations of the other portions of the drunken one's anatomy.

Just as the apparition passed me the old horse swerved and put his foot into a deep rut where a wool wagon had been "down to the float rail" in the last wet season, and ploughed a deep furrow with his nose in the choking dust for ten yards or more.

With a desperate scramble he regained his feet and his even stride, the intoxicated body of the rider performing miracles in the way of vibratory balancing meanwhile, the sober and resolute legs preserving their grip intact. I watched the pair through the timber and out to the big plain beyond until they were swallowed up in the gathering dusk, and then plodded on my way again.

Two miles further on I pulled up at a roadside "hotel" for the night, and made inquiries respecting the apparition, when I learned that "Jack Richmond" had been on "the burst" for the last two days, and that his mates were camped on the further side of the big plain referred to.

A Hard Case.

As a piece of culminating lunacy he had in some mysterious fashion climbed into the saddle and taken off his horse's bridle, then ramming the spurs home, had shot off down the road towards the camp, where, as I afterwards learnt, he arrived in perfect safety, having performed this perilous feat of horsemanship on more than one occasion previously when under the influence of some peculiarly exhilarating variety of "Chain Lightning Rum." This was "Jack Richmond" at twenty-five—a hard-working, hard-swearing, hard-drinking, specimen of a "flash nature," in fact, a "hard case" altogether, and as I then thought, one of the most unlovely specimens possible that in various ways disgrace the name of man on this planet.

I never saw Jack drunk or sober in the flesh again; but when in after years a woman in Melbourne told me his later history, I would have liked to have done so—if only because of the bitter contempt in which I held him that day. "Oh, he became a reformed character, did he?" somebody remarks impatiently; "the reformed drunkard who becomes a pocket edition of an angel is played out."

But that's just where the premature critic is wrong; Jack didn't reform, not a bit of it. He wasn't built that way, so he played the game of Life out to the end in the same fashion.

Months of hard bullocking in the shearing shed and the fencer's camp, weary days and sleepless nights on the droving track in summer's draughts and winter's cold, varied occasionally by a few days of the maddest drunken revelry. But wait till you know his whole history, and then judge him harshly if you can—I cannot.

"From the "Gulf" to Melbourne with cattle, fifteen months of a hard and anxious journey—through "new country" where nothing save bushcraft avails, and neither map nor track can be depended upon to guide the traveller; through regions where, as the wanderer snatches a troubled sleep at mid-day after a night in the saddle, black stealthy spectres creep noiselessly through the long grass, and is met with the crash of nullah nullah as he desperately struggles to gain his feet. Long days of scorching heat, when life or death hangs trembling in the balance on the chance of a thunderstorm filling the parched "clay pans" in a dry track. Or later on, as the cold country is reached, the cold drizzle of a winter's rain, as, with frozen feet in the stirrups, the watcher waits for the dawn as he rides slowly round the mob on the camp—and at the end of it all a thousand miles away at the Melbourne Sale yards.

(Well, the Drover's life breeds men, anyway, even if they are hard cases.

Jack had been out back for some years. Rumour has it that his sudden determination to leave New South Wales for the Gulf Country was not altogether unconnected with the disappearance of a thoroughbred colt, who left his native pastures about the same time; but as that event might have been only a coincidence, Jack may as well have the benefit of the doubt.

Jack's Code.

He was coming down with the overland mob, one of the first that ever atetempted that perilous journey, and with his usual luck had come unscathed through treacherous spears and the vicissitudes of drought and flood. He had passed through a long period of preternatural sobriety also, and had a cheque "as big as a blanket" as he said, to draw in Melbourne. And here it may be noted that one of the few things at which he drew the line was getting on the burst when on the road with stock—that was against his code of Honour; and just as those stubborn legs of his gripped his horse's ribs with inflexible determination at all times and seasons, so in the same fashion he stuck in a mulish and obstinate way to his own idea of what was or was not the "square thing." And thus in his own way he lived up to his lights, dull, flickering, smoky luminaries as they undoubtedly were. The absolute certainty that when the stock were delivered Jack would straightway embark on a gigantic and glorious "drunk" was only equalled (as his various employers could testify) by the certainty that nothing on earth would induce him to drink when on the road; a fact that makes one almost suspect that he had some kind of a rudimentary soul in that erring body of his; if so, it was probably located in his legs, as they were the only portion of his anatomy which showed any symptom of a definite moral purpose.

But the longest day must draw to a close and the weariest journey end; and so one day the time arrived when the X.L. cattle were lodged at the Melbourne Sale yards.

One of the things which induced Jack to tackle the overland trip was that an old mate of his had gone to Melbourne a few years before, married and settled down to the unromantic life and prosaic occupation of driving a van for one of the big Flinders Street Warehouses, and the prospect of a Christmas spree in Melbourne with an old chum has a special attraction about it.

When the sale was over, and he left the yard, a well-known stock buyer from Riverina stopped Jack with the information that he had just closed for a big lot of store wethers near Hay, and wanted a man to travel them to a new station he was stocking up in Queensland. "You'd better make up your mind to take them up for me," said the man of many fleeces. "Not me," laughed Jack. "I'm good for a long spree in Melbourne after that trip from the Gulf, and I mean to have it. If you could put off starting for a while we might make a deal."

"No, that won't do," said the other. "I have to take delivery within a fortnight; but if you come across a good man to-day, send him round to me at the hotel; you know where I'm staying." And there they parted.

After getting rid of an accumulated layer of dust, which had its geological origin in Carpentaria, and ended with a sort of alluvial deposit of recent formation in the Melbourne Sale yards, Jack proceeded to hunt up his mate with a view to future revelry; but at this point the hand of Fate intervened, and the picturesque festivities of which he had dreamed for the last twelve months, never came off.

Tragic News.

An inquiry at the Flinders Street Warehouse previously referred to, revealed the fact that the old mate had died in the hospital a week previously, leaving a wife (whom Jack remembered as a free selector's daughter on the (Bogan) and a couple of little children to face the mercies of a merciless world. He obtained the address of the widow, and walked away half stunned, with all his visions of jollification swept away.

Suddenly he stopped in his walk, and after a moment's pause, muttered "I'm d—d if I don't, it's only one spree less, anyhow." Then as rapidly as those sickle legs (unaccustomed to pavements and pedestrian exercise) could carry him, he wended his way to the bank, and drew in notes the whole of his accumulated cheque—some hundred and twenty-five pounds—and, getting on a tram, proceeded to a dinghy little suburb a few miles out. His journey ended at a terrace of small houses all precisely alike.

A shame-faced, hesitating knock brought a woman, dressed in cheap mourning, and with a hunted look in her white face, to the door. In the most clumsy and apparently unsympathetic fashion, Jack introduced himself and talked in a broken, disjointed manner with the widow about her "bad luck in losing Dick." Then he hesitated, and grew still more confused and awkward.

"Is that your youngster?" he suddenly ejaculated, pointing to a little girl of four years old, who was sitting on a kerbstone.

"Yes ,that's her and the baby, just turned two, and God knows what I'm going to do," said the woman, choking back her tears in the presence of this uncouth visitor.

"Well, good-bye, and better luck," said Jack desperately, after a long pause, and he stepped aside, partially closing the door as he did so. Then hurriedly he pressed a queer looking parcel, tied up in a not over clean handkerchief, into the little one's hand with "Take that in to your Mammie, quick," and as the frightened child obeyed, Jack beat a hurried retreat.

"The parcel" contained just one hundred and twenty pounds in notes, and represented the proceeds of the trip from the Gulf.

That afternoon the Riverina stock-dealer was astonished to see Jack turn up with only about half a dozen whiskies on board, and sufficiently sober to inform him that he had changed his mind about stopping in Melbourne, and was off to Wagga by the next train.

"I'll meet you at Hay next week and take those sheep to Queensland if the job's still open," said Jack, with a preternatural effort to look sober when he was talking business.

"All right, glad to hear it, but what on earth made you change your mind so suddenly?"

"I don't know," said the other. "Just a fancy, you know; but I'll meet you there, you can depend on that."

As the Albury express thundered along the next day through a little tenth-rate township beside the line, where, of course, the express didn't stop, an exceedingly drunken bushman lurched heavily against the door of a carriage, under the mistaken idea that it was time to get out for another drink.

The next moment he was under the wheels, smashed almost out of recognition, but still living as they laid him down in the little waiting-room.

The local policeman went for the doctor, and a well-meaning spectator, vaguely expressing an opinion that the "Poor fellow oughtn't to die like a dog, anyhow," went for the parson, a good earnest man in his way, with a microscopical soul and a mountainous creed of rocky dogmas.

The doctor got there first. One glance sufficed him. "Don't worry the poor fellow," he said, "he can't last twenty minutes. Let him die quietly where he is," and just then the parson arrived. He, good man, knelt down on the blood-stained floor and prayed. Not for the man's life—that was past praying for, but that to the departing soul might be granted a moment's respite and consciousness, and, if even at the eleventh hour, some chance of repentance.

That moment came, and with it "the hard case"—fighting desperately with death—struggled up on one arm (the other was mostly pulp) to a sitting position. As they held him there a moment his eyes had a queer, puzzled look, and then they lighted up with a sort of satisfaction. "D— it, it's only one spree less, you know," he said, and fell back—dead.

That night the worthy parson "improved the occasion" during his week night service, and with awe-struck faces the congregation listened as he told the story of an unrepentant sinner's doom.

It was a great sermon, and the parson to this day looks back with a sort of pardonable and sanctified pride as he remembers the effect it had upon his congregation. And, strangely enough, that night, also, in Melbourne, a woman, choking down her sobs, knelt by a baby's cot, teaching the lisping lips a new petition. "Dod bless modder an' sister an'—" "And Jack Richmond," said the mother.

"An' Zack," said the baby sleepily.

(The End)

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

GRAND PIANO

GIVEN TO COUNCIL

The Mayor of Ramsgate, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, now has a grand piano at his disposal.

The piano has been given to the Council's Entertainments Committee by Mrs. Sandeman, who was for many years a Ramsgate resident, on the understanding that until normal entertainments are resumed it shall be placed at the Mayor's disposal for the entertainments organised by him in his capacity as Services Welfare Officer.

NONAGENARIAN WIDOW

DIES SUDDENLY AT RAMSGATE

One of Ramsgate's oldest residents, Mrs. Mary Ann Cadman passed away suddenly last week at the age of 91 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. Jarman, of 6 Seafield-road, Ramsgate.

Mrs. Cadman was the widow of the late Mr. Walter Frederick Cadman, who died 22 years ago.

Mrs. Cadman had not been well for the past 12 years. She was taken ill on Sunday and died peacefully but suddenly the following afternoon.

Mother of four sons and four daughters, Mrs. Cadman also leaves 23 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

A TANK BY CHRISTMAS

In the first three weeks of the "Tank Before Christmas" campaign, Ramsgate has saved £7,272.

The objective is £20,000 to provide a Churchill tank.

The total saved last week was £2,631, compared with £1,948 the previous week. It was made up of £1,042 in National Savings Certificates, £415 in Defence Bonds and a net growth of £1,174 in deposits at the Post Office Savings Bank.

ONE FIRE-WATCHING GROUP

The whole of the business community in Birchington have joined together to form one fire-watching group.

At a meeting at which the new Business Premises order was explained by the Fire Guard Staff Officer (Councillor E. Dixon) a tradesman said the area had been very badly hit and he suggested that some assistance might be obtained from the Government.

When it was stated that the expenses were between £50 and £70 a year and that there were approximately 70 occupiers of premises—representing sixpence a week for each of the occupiers—Councillor Dixon said it would be an insult to Birchington to apply for assistance.

Appealing to every man and woman to participate in fire watching Councillor Dixon said if people knew how to tackle a fire bomb they would never lose their home through one.

THE NEED OF TO-DAY

In these anxious and difficult times it is not always possible to prevent oneself from worrying—worrying about the present and the future, about our dear ones who are far away and possibly in acute danger, and about a hundred and one other things. It is so easy to give advice not to worry; so difficult to put the advice into practice.

What is possible, however, is to get the system into such condition that worry does not unduly influence one at the time, while it has no after-effects. It is when the system is run down that worry is able to exert its baneful influence to the full.

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A YEAR AGO

There were a few fatal casualties when bombs were dropped on a South East coast town. One German bomber dropped some 20 bombs in a direct line and caused damage to a number of houses before it was driven off by fighter planes. It was some hours before rescue parties recovered the bodies of two women buried beneath the wreckage of one house.

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Through the High Commissioner for New Zealand, Mr. W. J. Jordan, a native of Ramsgate, Ramsgate has received a sum of over £300 to aid members of her community who have suffered as a result of enemy action.

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Enclosing a cheque for £22 for the Mayor of Ramsgate's Air Raid Relief Fund, a former Ramsgate man, Mr. James Bristow, of Toronto, Canada, offered to join any "suicide squad" in the defence of the motherland.

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Borough Treasurer at Ramsgate for 36 years, Mr. Alfred W. Kingsland, M.B.E., died at Watford at the age of 74 years.

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Chief Yeoman of Signals Frederick William Hornett, of St. Andrew's-road, Ramsgate, was killed in action on H.M.S. Ajax—the ship that beat the Graf Spee.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Capt. Charles Donald Gullick, East Kent Regiment (The Buffs), youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Gullick, of The Banks, Baird's-hill, Broadstairs, has been awarded the Military Cross. He has seen much vivid service in the field and has been wounded four times. The deed for which he has now been decorated is thus simply described in the official record: "For conspicuous gallantry and ability when, as commander of a company in attack, he succeeded in his object and captured over a hundred prisoners. He was almost immediately wounded, but carried on until he became unconscious." In common with his four brothers, Capt. Gullick joined up at the outbreak of war.

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Five sons in the forces is the record of Mr. and Mrs. Young, of Rodney-street, Ramsgate, whose eldest son, Pte. R. A. Young, The Buffs, has been wounded for the third time.

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The death in action on 25th September is reported of Sergt. John Barrett Collins, East Yorkshire Regiment, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Collins, of Finsbury-road, Ramsgate. The young soldier, although only 24 years of age, has completed seven years exemplary service in the Army and but for the war would have received his discharge in May last year. Like his father he was, before joining the Army, employed at Ramsgate Corporation Gas Works.

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The Ramsgate, Broadstairs and Minster Postal Staff has reason to be justly proud of the number of its members who are serving with the Colours. From a total of 118 men employed on the indoor and outdoor staff at the beginning of the war, no less than 63—practically the whole of those eligible—have gone on active service. In honour of the men who have gone to the war a handsome Roll of Honour, in solid British oak, was unveiled by the Postmaster (Mr. T. Selby) assisted by his little son, in the public hall of Ramsgate Post Office on Wednesday.

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The death in action upon the day he first entered the front line is reported of Rifleman Percy Miller, City of London Rifles, of Hereson-road, Ramsgate.

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Speaking at the final meeting of the year of Ramsgate Education Committee the chairman (Alderman William Coleman) said the policy of retrenchment had been imposed on them by a higher education authority. "I certainly think," he said, "and I think every member will agree with me, that we have not quite that efficiency in the schools that we should like to see exist." Such a state of affairs could not be avoided, but it made them look with serious anxiousness to the future, for they had to consider the prospects before young people who would be the men and women of the future. If it continued for any length of time throughout the country it would be years before they made up the leeway.

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Speaking at a meeting held in connection with the Salvation Army Home for Little Girls at Ramsgate, Mrs. Booth, wife of the Chief of the Army, said the Haven and similar institutions were setting up a little bit of a barrier against the terrible tide of immorality which seemed to be sweeping over the civilised nations.

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Dr. F. B. Cooper, who has identified himself with the Twilight Sleep system, is leaving Ramsgate to devote his entire time to the work. He has been appointed sole medical officer at a magnificent Home for Twilight Sleep.

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As a result of the indefatigable work of Mrs. E. A. Stock and her dauntless helpers, the sum of over £80 was realised at Ramsgate on Thursday for the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

MAKERS OF MODERN RAMSGATE

At last Royal Ramsgate has entered on an era of improvement which is either destined to make the place a second Brighton or mar it for ever. We prefer to think that our town will ere long rank as one of the premier fashionable watering places of England, instead of lagging behind the age as a happy hunting-ground for the cheap tripper. At a special meeting of the Town Council on Thursday the Mayor moved that the tender of Messrs. W. and T. Denne, of Walmer, for the carrying out of the West Cliff portion of the Front Improvements at a cost of £35,600, be accepted. The Engineer's estimate for the East Cliff portion of the scheme, which included the re-building of the Harbour Master's House and the Customs House, was £8,500. The figures quoted wiped away a good deal of exaggerated talk that had been indulged in during the last three or four years. He also hoped it would wipe away a great deal of unpleasantness in the Council Chamber during the time the scheme had been before them. At the same time he did not for one moment question the fact that opposition was good. He liked it in his own business, because it kept his energies at work. He was not one, however, who thought the improvement of Ramsgate should end with the Front Improvements. They wanted more building sites for a superior class of houses, so as to bring residents here who would do good to trade. He would not grudge the expenditure of £100,000 if it induced the proper class of people to come to Ramsgate and did good to trade. The scheme now launched was one calculated to increase the prosperity of Ramsgate, and he did not think they would ever regret having voted for the carrying out of the New Front Road. Councillor Home, amidst some applause from the Government benches, intimated that if they accepted Messrs. Denne's tender he would give his support to the scheme. The resolution was carried nem con.

GOLFERS ENTERTAIN

On Friday, Saturday and Monday, a number of the members of St. George's Golf Club gave a very pleasing token of their goodwill to the inhabitants of the ancient borough near which they have of late found so much pleasure and healthful recreation, in the form of an entertainment in the Assembly Rooms at the Bell Hotel, Sandwich, to which they issued invitations of such a comprehensive character that nearly every section of the population was included.

FISHING LIGHTS

A public inquiry was held at Ramsgate Customs House on Tuesday by an Inspector of Fisheries for the Board of Trade into the lights at present carried by fishing vessels, engaged in trawling and other kinds of fishing, with a view to ascertaining whether in the interests of fishing vessels, or of navigation generally, any alteration is necessary or desirable in the regulations.

LIBRARIAN'S SON WEDS

BOUCHER—MASTERS

Son of Mr. E. Boucher, Broadstairs Librarian, Flight-Sergt.-Observer Jack Stewart Boucher, was married at St. George's Church, Headstone, Harrow, on Saturday, to Miss Noreen Edna Masters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Masters, of Sussex-road, Harrow, and granddaughter of Mrs. White, of Lancaster House, Broadstairs.

An old boy of Chatham House, Ramsgate, the bridegroom later went to Goldsmith's College, where he represented London University as a member of the boxing team. Prior to joining the R.A.F. he was an assistant master at Hemel Hemstead Grammar School.

His bride was a sister at Middlesex Hospital during the heavy raids on London and is at present serving at Aylesbury Hospital.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white moire satin, with train, veil and orange blossom. Her bouquet was of red roses.

A fellow hospital sister, Miss Gill Acheson, the bridesmaid, wore an ankle-length dress of gold velvet with brown velvet Juliet cap, and carried a bouquet of brown and gold chrysanthemums.

The bride's brother, Flight-Sergt.-Observer Hugh Masters, carried out the duties of best man, and the service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. Montague Eyder, assisted by the Rev. Barton Milton.

DORIS MAKES V BADGES

Doris Tinley, aged 14 years, of 28 Seafield-road, Ramsgate, has been making V for Victory badges from odd pieces of red, white and blue wool and, as she says, "my friends have given me a penny each for them for the sick in hospital."

As a result Ramsgate General Hospital has received a welcome contribution of 15s. 6d. and a badge Doris enclosed with her gift has been accepted by a naval officer who was a patient at the hospital.

WHAT WILL THEY WANT NEXT?

Some fire-watchers may soon be demanding hot water bottles.

When the new Business Premises Order was explained at a meeting at Margate one tradesman said he had been asked to supply sheets and pillows for fire-watchers' beds.

The Head Warden (Capt. F. G. Wenham) said they could not be expected to nurse fire-watchers. If they went to bed in their clothes, as they were supposed to, they could not expect sheets and pillows.

Councillor E. Dixon, Fire Guard Staff Officer, said sleeping accommodation usually consisted of a bed, mattress and two blankets. People did not usually want to exchange sheets and pillows with each other.

A.F.S. OFFICER'S NEW POST

Formerly divisional officer of Ramsgate A.F.S., Mr. Frederick Michael McCayna has been appointed a company officer under the National Fire Service and is now stationed at Margate.

A volunteer fireman at Thurrock before the war, he was engaged in dealing with big Thames-side fires during the blitz last year and came to Ramsgate in May.

MET AT OXFORD

WEDDING OF MISS WINIFRID JOAN TAYLOR

Miss Winifrid Joan Taylor, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. J. Taylor, of The Banks, Baird's-hill, St. Peter's, was married at the Parish Church, Chipping Norton, Oxon, on Saturday, to 2nd-Lieut. John Graham Morley, Royal West African Frontier Force.

The bridegroom, who has played for the Eastern Counties at Rugby football, was on leave from Nigeria. An honours graduate of St. John's College, Oxford, and a Bachelor of Letters, he first met his bride five years ago at Oxford, where Miss Taylor also took an honours degree at the same University.

The service, conducted by the Rev. St. Clair Thomas, Vicar of Chipping Norton, was choral, and the church was decorated with flowers.

In spite of the short notice, due to the exigencies of the times, many relatives and friends were present, including Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Morley, of Croome Drive, West Kirby, Cheshire, the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Morley, his brother and sister-in-law, the bride's parents, her grandmother, Mrs. Vye, and Mr. V. W. Taylor, her uncle.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a powder-blue dress, a wine-coloured hat and a silver fox fur, and carried a bouquet of crimson roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Margaret Taylor.

Well-known in cricketing circles, 2nd-Lieut. Jack Mendl, Monmouthshire Regiment, acted as best man, and Capt. A. J. H. Taylor, The Buffs, brother of the bride, was usher.

Among a large number of congratulatory telegrams were two from 2nd-Lieut. N. G. H. Taylor, The Buffs, and Capt. Peter Daniel, The Buffs, both serving with the Middle East Forces, which arrived during a reception given by the bride's parents at Cleevestones, Chipping Norton.

The many presents included a handsome gift from the heads of departments, inspectors and branch managers of Messrs. Vye and Son.

STOKER'S D.S.M.

DUNKIRK HERO AT PALACE

A recent visitor to Buckingham Palace was Stkr. William S. Grimmitt, R.N., of Victoria-road, Margate, who received from H.M. the King the Distinguished Service Medal awarded for gallantry during the evacuation of Dunkirk.

Stkr. Grimmitt was in a destroyer sent to Dunkirk and for 18 hours he was in a small boat helping to ferry men from the beaches. Twice the boat ran aground but they managed to get it off again.

Stkr. Grimmitt also helped in the rescue of Dutch refugees when the Netherlands were invaded and the destroyer in which he is serving has been subjected to dive-bombing attacks by the enemy.

SOLDIER'S 5s. CAULIFLOWER

Accused at Ramsgate County police court on Tuesday of stealing a cauliflower, value 4d., from a field at Foxborough-lane, Minster, on 24th September, Pte. Emrys Thomas Walters, 24, The Buffs, whose wife and two children live at Minster, was fined 5s.

Walters, who pleaded not guilty and was represented by an officer, was seen by S/C William Gilbert Brockman, a farmer, carrying the cauliflower under his arm.

Defendant said the cauliflower had been left "on the floor" at the corner of the field so he picked it up as he thought it was a shame for it to be left lying there. He thought it would useful for his rabbits.

Inspr. Belsey said nothing was known against defendant who was a miner for some years before he joined the Army.

The officer, who said Walters had proved himself a good soldier, paid the fine.

CINEMA SINGER WEDS

Mr. Guy Seymour Martyn-Critchley, until recently manager of a Margate multiple store, was married at St. John's Church, Margate, last week, to Miss Renee Muriel Warren, daughter of Mrs. H. Markham, of Grange-road, Margate.

The bride was formerly an usherette at the Regal Cinema and used to sing at the "Sunday Nighters" entertainment.

Dressed in a gown of old white lace with train, the bride was given away by her brother, P/C Warren, of Rutland County Police. The bridesmaids were the Misses Edith Foreman and Muriel Bishop and the best man was Mr. Archibald Brown, until recently manager of a Ramsgate multiple store.

The Rev. D. V. Beckingham officiated, and Mr. Jerry Allen, who formerly accompanied the bride on the organ at the Regal, played appropriate music.

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THE W.V.S. WERE READY

MET FIRST TROOPS FROM DUNKIRK

Awarded the M.B.E. for her services as borough organiser of the W.V.S. at Ramsgate, Mrs. C. J. Sutton, who is now Deputy County Organiser for Lincolnshire, writes to the Editor of the THANET ADVERTISER & ECHO as follows:

Sir,—With reference to the report of the Medical Officer on the health of Ramsgate recently published in your paper, I should like, on behalf of the organisation I represent, to correct a statement made therein.

After speaking of the splendid way in which the inhabitants of Ramsgate rose to the occasion in helping to feed the troops evacuated from Dunkirk, the statement goes on "Later the Women's Voluntary Services did valuable service."

I personally received a telephone message from the Medical Officer of Health, asking if W.V.S. could undertake to feed wounded soldiers to be landed at Ramsgate, and requesting me to get in touch with an officer of the R.A.M.C. stationed at Broadstairs. This I did and was instructed to proceed with helpers to the pier head, where we prepared sandwiches and tea, and were ready by the time the first boats were disembarked.

After the last lot of troops had landed that day we were informed by the military authorities that it was not advisable for the canteen to remain on the pier head, as it was holding up the disembarkation, and we were instructed to proceed the next day to Merrie England, and open up there, where we were to feed wounded troops. From this you will see that the W.V.S. was on the scene at the commencement and not "later" as stated in the report.

I have the permission of the Medical Officer to correct this statement.

FLORENCE SUTTON,
Deputy County Organiser, Kesteven
(late Borough Organiser, Ramsgate).

W.V.S. County Offices,
Sleaford.

ALL LAUGHING

COMEDIANS AT THE KING'S

Laughter holds sway in the programmes being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

Bunny Doyle, famous variety comedian, has his first film leading part in "Facing the Music," which heads the bill to-day and to-morrow. Most of the action takes places in and about a munitions works, and all of it is humorous, plus a vein of sentiment, for leading lady, Betty Driver is always at hand to rescue the badgered "comic" from his numerous bewilderments.

Arthur Lucan turns up in the House of Commons and is in conflict with the Speaker in "Old Mother Riley, M.P.," the supporting feature.

Charles Clapham (of Clapham and Dwyer) and John Warwick head the cast of "My Wife's Family," which will be shown for the second part of the week. Old farces are like old soldiers in their immortality. This is no exception. The dialogue is of the peppy, wisecracking kind and is enlivened with topical war-time references. Actually the story is a succession of misunderstandings, with all the characters in turn misinterpreting what the other is driving at. There are complications concerning a baby, and a baby grand, both of which are hidden in a summer house and further complications arise through the employment of an attractive ex-actress to teach elocution.

The programme will be completed by "Emergency Landing," a story of thrills above the clouds, featuring Forrest Tucker and Carol Hughes.

ORANGES—AND LEMONS

"Oo'll det into twubble, Willie!"
Piped little Susie (just turned three).
"Don't you be a little silly!"
Responded Willie, "One's for me!"
"Oo'll be sent to pwison, Willie!"
Shouted Susie, "Oo's over six!"
"What if I am?" cried Willie, shrilly,
"Do you want the whole bag o' tricks?"
"Oo'll never go to heaven, Willie!"
Said Sue, taking a juicy sip.
Back went the orange willy-nilly
And off went Willie—with the pip!

W.R.T.

REV. G. C. COLLINS

DEATH OF FORMER ST. LUKE'S VICAR

Vicar of St. Luke's Church, Ramsgate, for 14 years, the Rev. George Grantham Collins, M.A., passed away last week at Staunton House, Coleford, Gloucestershire, at the age of 81.

Mr. Collins took his B.A. at Corpus Christi, Cambridge, in 1884 and the same year he was ordained deacon. He entered into priesthood the following year and took his M.A. degree two years later.

From 1884 to 1886 Mr. Collins was curate at Christ Church, Derby, and from 1888 to 1891 was curate and Jane lecturer at All Saints' Cathedral, Wakefield. His first living was at Alverthorpe, which he held from 1901 to 1908 and for the next five years he was Rector of West Winch, Norfolk.

Prior to coming to Ramsgate in 1913 Mr. Collins was Vicar of All Saints', Hoole, for five years. He left Ramsgate in 1927 to become Rector of Luddesdowne, Gravesend.

Mr. Collins did very valuable work at St. Luke's during the difficult years of the last war and he succeeded in keeping the church free from debt.

When a farewell presentation was made to him in 1927 Mr. Collins said he did not know of a more wonderful place than St. Luke's for Sunday Schools. They were wonderful nurseries for Christian men and women. St. Luke's stood for a special kind of worship. It was a parish which had become known all over the country—a parish in which had been done a tremendous amount of lay work by as good workers as it was possible to have.

PASTOR'S PASSING

FUNERAL OF THE REV. E. MILNES

On Tuesday the funeral took place at Ramsgate, where he had lived since his retirement, of the Rev. Edward Milnes, who was pastor of Salem Baptist Church, St. Peter's, from 1927 until 1933.

Born at Golcar, near Huddersfield, in 1867, Mr. Milnes, who was trained at Spurgeon's College, spent 40 years in the Baptist ministry.

The church at New Street, Dudley, where he took up his first ministry in 1893, has since been demolished for road widening purposes. From 1900-06 he was minister at Zion, Bacup, and from 1906-16 at Victoria Park, London.

In 1916 he settled at Zion, Cambridge, a church which had passed through troublous times, a number of members having left and formed another cause. By dint of patience and not a little hard work, Mr. Milnes succeeded in winning them back and had the joy of receiving them again into membership at a special communion service. He came into Kent in 1925, spending two years at Rochester before he went to St. Peter's.

Ill health led to Mr. Milnes' retirement in 1933 and he went to live at Ramsgate, becoming an honoured member of Cavendish Baptist Church. For a time he continued to preach in various churches, but the heart weakness from which he suffered gradually worsened. His illness was long but patiently borne and he was greatly helped by the many tokens of loving remembrance that continually reached him from members of his former churches, as well as by the constant care of a noble and devoted wife. He was one of the most modest of men, a faithful and earnest preacher who did much good in a quiet way.

The funeral service at Ramsgate Cemetery was conducted by the Rev. Harcourt Samuel.

RETIRED S.R. FOREMAN'S DEATH

Formerly goods foreman at Ramsgate railway station, Mr. J. G. Pidduck passed away at Bexley Heath recently at the age of 79.

In the railway service for 47 years, Mr. Pidduck's home during the time he was in Ramsgate was at Dane-road. He was at one time a guard and rose to be goods foreman at Ramsgate, a position from which he retired in 1927.

Mr. Pidduck lost his wife ten years ago and for the past two years he had been in failing health.

He leaves a daughter and three sons. The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Thursday.

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HEADMASTER'S BREAKDOWN

MR. F. WHITE TAKES OVER AT ST. GEORGE'S

The THANET ADVERTISER & ECHO is informed that Mr. J. S. Houlton, headmaster of St. George's Central School, Ramsgate, which was evacuated last year to Stafford, is suffering from a nervous breakdown.

Mr. Houlton is at present in hospital at Stafford.

Mr. Frank White has been appointed to take over the duties of acting headmaster.

A meeting of Ramsgate Education Committee which was to have been held on Wednesday has been postponed for a few days.

Mr. S. V. West, Secretary of the committee, and Councillor the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, Vicar of St. George's both visited Stafford last week.

TOWING BREAKDOWN

COSTS BUSY SOLDIER 50s.

When Gunr. Frederick Charles Miller, R.A., removed his car from Margate on 7th August he committed three offences. He had no driving license, the car was not insured and he had failed to obtain an emergency permit to drive it out of a defence area.

Pleading guilty to the offences at Ramsgate County police court on Tuesday, Miller was asked why he was not present at a previous hearing.

Defendant: I was too busy.

The chairman (Mr. W. Booth Reeve): The court was also busy.

Defendant: So was the Army, sir.

Evidence was given that Miller, who was stopped at a barrier at St. Nicholas, had been refused an emergency permit to drive the car to Gillingham to deliver to his sergeant major to whom he said he had sold it.

Defendant said he arranged for the car to be towed but the towing car broke down outside Birchington and he drove it for a few miles until another towing car picked it up on the other side of the barrier. Had the first car not broken down it would have been towed all the way.

Defendant was fined 40s. for having no certificate of insurance and 5s. for each of the other two offences, the chairman stating that there would be no endorsement of the license.

An officer present in court paid the fine.

RELEASED BY ITALIANS

SURPRISE FOR MARGATE WIFE

For 18 months Mrs. Gwen Rowberry, a young Margate woman, had heard nothing of her husband, Corpl. Edwin Rowberry, R.A.F., who was taken prisoner by the Italians last year.

A few nights ago Mrs. Rowberry, who had been living recently at Kingsbury, was singing at a concert for the troops. She was called to the door and almost collapsed from shock when she found her husband awaiting her.

The day after their wedding, Corpl. Rowberry had to report for duty and six days later left for the Far East.

One day he was a machine-gunner in a plane which had to make a forced landing behind the enemy lines in the Western Desert.

Some time later the crew of the machine were told they were to be released as there was insufficient food. They were taken into the desert blindfolded, turned round several times, and told not to remove the bandages from their eyes for several minutes. When they uncovered their eyes the Italians had disappeared and they found themselves not far from the British lines.

Cables sent by Corpl. Rowberry to his wife, announcing his release, had been delayed, and he arrived home ahead of them.

Mrs. Rowberry attended Margate Central School and until her marriage was employed as a clerk in the offices of the "Isle of Thanet Gazette." She is the daughter of Mrs. Craven, who formerly lived at Westonville-avenue, Margate.

BUILDING A RAILROAD

PRISONER OF WAR WORKS CONCRETE MIXER

Advice to relatives sending parcels to prisoners of war in Germany is contained in a letter received by Mr. and Mrs A. Darby, of Ramsgate-road, Broadstairs, and formerly of Margate-road, Ramsgate, from their son, Gnr. Alan Robert Darby, R.A., who is interned at Stalag III D.

When he wrote in September, Gnr. Darby, an old St. Georgian, aged 25 years, was working a concrete mixer and "having a rare old time." Suggesting that he was "another McAlpine in embryo," Gnr. Darby added that at any rate he would be able to sing about building a railroad with some truth in future.

Regarding parcels, he wrote "Please make sure of all details and do not send letters enclosed in them. One more suggestion is that you send some curry powder and anything that would flavour soups, and whatever you do don't forget the chocolate. Warm clothing is appreciated."

GARDENING IN GERMANY

After five months' Mrs. D. Sutton, formerly of Church-road and now of Napleton-road, Ramsgate, has heard that her only son, Gnr. A. F. Sutton, reported missing in the Battle of Crete, is a prisoner of war at Stalag IIID.

In a letter to his wife, who is serving in the W.A.A.F., Gnr. Sutton says he is quite well, gets plenty of food, that he is working in the gardens and gets paid monthly.

Twenty-six years of age, Gnr. Sutton is an old boy of Ellington School and before the war was employed at a company store.

OLD RUYMIAN A PRISONER

Reported missing in Crete on 2nd June, Gnr. D. C. Homewood, R.A., an old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, is now known to be a prisoner of war, two postcards from him having been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Homewood, of Westbrook-avenue, Margate, although neither states where he is interned.

Employed as a radio salesman, Gnr. Homewood joined the Territorials in 1938.

"Let us build for a comfortable world, not a poverty world; for a big world, not a petty world."—The Home Secretary.

TEN YEARS WITHOUT ACCIDENT

GOLD MEDALS FOR P.O. DRIVERS

If all drivers of motor vehicles took a leaf from the notebook of the drivers of Post Office vans in the Ramsgate and Broadstairs area the toll of the road would be speedily declining instead of steadily increasing.

During 1940 these men covered a distance of about 51,000 miles without a single accident.

Tribute to the drivers was paid at Ramsgate Post Office on Thursday when awards made by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents were distributed.

The Head Postmaster, Mr. W. Edis, M.B.E., presided, and was supported by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), Mr P. W. McIntyre, Surveyor G.P.O. S.E. District, Mr. C. McCarthy, Assistant Surveyor for the district, the Chief Constable of Ramsgate (Mr. S. F. Butler), Councillor Dr. D. P. Crawford and Dr. J. C. McNaught, Post Office Medical Officers, Lieut. E. E. J. Birch (H.G.), chairman of the Ramsgate branch of the Union of Post Office Workers, Mr. P. F. Riches, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. A. E. Brown, Inspector of Postmen, and Mr. J. S. Payne, Assistant Inspector.

Making History.

Mr. Edis said the presentation that day was somewhat unusual as for the first time in the history of the Ramsgate district two drivers had won gold medals for ten years' driving without accident. The drivers covered about 51,000 miles a year. This might not seem much but it had to be remembered that there was very little country district in the area and most of the driving was through narrow streets in the towns. The occasion was also notable for the fact that during 1940 the drivers were 100 per cent. efficient and did not meet with a single accident. That was during the first complete working year under black-out conditions. That was a fairly remarkable achievement and was worthy of high praise.

Everyone, said Mr. Edis, would wish to congratulate the drivers on their contribution towards the safety of the roads.

The Chief Constable said that through his official position he was brought into close touch with all classes of drivers and the steps they took not only to safeguard themselves but other users of the roads, whether pedestrians or motorists. In these times of stress when people were apt to dart about here and there owing to bombing, or gun practise, or sirens, drivers were always likely to get difficulties thrown in their path. People jumped off the footpath into the road and made haste for a place of safety. Particularly in these times driving at night was an absolute bugbear, and he sympathised with everyone who had to drive at night. People walked in the roadways, particularly in Ramsgate, where the footpaths were narrow, and there was always the danger of colliding with them.

A Wonderful Record.

It was a wonderful record that, under these conditions, the drivers did not meet with a single accident during 1940, said the Chief Constable. The causes of accidents and methods for dealing with the position had been a matter of grave concern for Parliament and if drivers throughout the country took as an example the Post Office drivers in the Ramsgate district a good many homes would be spared a great deal of suffering. The Ramsgate drivers had set a very good example to the whole of the country.

The Mayor who presented the awards, said he had always received the greatest courtesy from the Ramsgate postal staff. He was addressed by all sorts of names but the letters invariably found him.

Recently, said the Mayor, he received a letter from a young woman in Folkestone asking if he could find her a husband. "I am not very good looking," she wrote, "but I should love to have two or three babies." (Laughter.)

It was only people who lived in the town who knew what conditions in Ramsgate were like, said the Mayor. "It is not an uncommon thing for planes overhead to try and machine-gun you," he said. "We are in it all the time and we know what we have to go through. When the history comes to be written of what Ramsgate has done in the war that history will be a good one."

Absent—in Germany.

Proposing a vote of thanks to the Mayor, Mr. McIntyre said the awards presented that day represented 72 years driving without accident. That in itself spoke volumes for the careful way in which the cars were driven. Post Office vans were conspicuous, painted as they were in bright colours, and it was incumbent on the drivers to set an example to other users of the road. They could not have a better time to set an example than when the roads were crowded with Army lorries. The conduct of the Ramsgate drivers represented a real contribution to the safety of the roads.

Mr. Birch seconded the expression of thanks.

Not all the awards could be presented as a number of those qualified to receive them are on duty with the Services and one, Mr. J. J. Rose, is a prisoner of war.

The awards were as follows:

Gold Medal (10 years).—T. J. White, V. G. Vidgen.

Bars to Silver Medals.—W. W. G. Harty (9 years), J. C. Blackwell, C. W. Hockey, C. A. Kiley, E. J. Yeo (7 years).

Silver Medals (5 years).—F. C. Hammond, A. E. Sayer.

Diplomas.—E. R. Beake and A. W. J. Quinney (2 years), C. J. Berry (1 year).

Exemptions.—W. L. Hamilton, L. J. Andrew, J. J. Rose.

MONTAGUE BURTON'S LOYAL STAFF

Presiding at the annual meeting of Montague Burton Ltd., Sir Montague Burton revealed that 7,000 of the company's employees had joined the National Savings Movement, 7,259 contributed to the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund, 3,000 were serving in H.M. Forces and 4,000 were working in Ordnance factories.

Expressing appreciation of the splendid service rendered by a diminished staff during the year, Sir Montague said "The devotion to duty shown by every employee is most gratifying. A special word of appreciation is due to the fire-watchers, fire-fighters, and those who are engaged on A.R.P. duties, for their willing services and courage displayed."

The statement of accounts, which was unanimously adopted, showed a net profit of £454,168 during the year and after payment of dividends and the allocation of £25,000 to the staff pension fund, the sum of £242,631 was carried forward to next year.

R.A.F. PETROL LEAKAGE

CIVILIAN ENGINEER FINED

POSTMASTER ACQUITTED

An advisory engineer in the employ of Rolls Royce Ltd., Douglas Clarke, aged 25, at present residing at an R.A.F. sergeants' mess, appeared at Ramsgate county police court on Tuesday as defendant in a case which the county prosecuting solicitor, Mr. Eric Weale, described as "a little unusual."

He was summoned for having in his possession certain H.M. stores—petrol containing a high proportion of aviation fuel—reasonably suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained on 31st July.

Represented by Mr. A. R. Young, Clarke pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Weale said inquiries were made arising from the fact that there had been considerable leakages of petrol from an R.A.F. aerodrome. On 31st July Flight-Lieut. Upward, deputy assistant Provost Marshal, in company with Corpl. Knight, of the R.A.F. police, saw defendant in a garage at the rear of some of the billets and took as a sample a pint and a half of petrol from the tank of his private car for analysis. The analyst was satisfied that it was not ordinary pool petrol, such as "we common or garden people are fortunate or unfortunate enough to have to use," but contained a high proportion of aviation fuel, known as octane, the price of which was over eight shillings a gallon.

The chairman (Mr. W. Booth Reeve): That may explain why we common or garden people cannot use it.

Mr. Weale: That petrol is used only for aeroplanes.

"A Perfect Answer."

Stating that the proceedings were brought under the Public Stores Act, which dated back to the time of Queen Victoria, Mr. Weale said that under the act the onus was on the defendant to prove that he came by the stores honestly, but when he was seen the only statement he made was "I have a perfect answer, and if I am prosecuted it is up to my firm to defend me." Anyone convicted under the act was liable to a fine of £5—which represented a great deal more in the time of Queen Victoria than now—or imprisonment for two months.

Giving evidence, Flight-Lieut. Herbert Upward said the sample syphoned by Corpl. Knight from defendant's Ford car was green, which suggested it was octane aviation fuel. When this was pointed out to him Clarke said "I am not denying that it is Government property." Witness added that there were nearly six gallons in the tank of the car. The ordinary civilian population could not obtain octane fuel.

Mr. Young, pointing out that the analyst's report showed that the sample contained 88 per cent. octane content, asked whether such spirit could have been used in aircraft.

Witness: It might have been mixed.

Mr. Weale pointed out that octane spirit could only be obtained from Air Ministry stores and therefore if the sample showed 88 per cent. octane spirit that could only have been obtained through the Air Ministry.

Corpl. Frederick Trafford Knight, R.A.F. police, gave evidence of taking the sample, the seal of which was signed by the defendant.

Analyst's Conclusion.

Donald Wheeler Browne, Government analyst, said he concluded that the sample, one of 13 he received, was a mixture of equal parts of fuel spirit and 100 octane aviation spirit.

Cross-examined by Mr. Young, witness said he did find a trace of engine oil but he did not analyse the sample for glycol.

P/C Ansell, K.C.C., stated that when he interviewed defendant on 12th August he replied "I do not wish to say anything."

Arguing that no evidence had been called to show that the spirit formed part of Government stores at the time, Mr. Young said there was no evidence that any spirit was missing, and submitted that his client had no case to answer.

The bench having decided against Mr. Young on the point, the defendant gave evidence.

He said his duty was to consult with R.A.F. engineers with regard to Rolls Royce engines in H.M. aircraft. On 30th July he was engaged upon a Rolls Royce engine in a Hurricane aircraft which was partly dismantled. The petrol had been drained out and returned to the motor transport stores. The sediment from the fuel tanks was left. This petrol spirit was not used for flying or motor transport and would have been drained away on to the grass.

"I have seen it happen many times," added witness. That afternoon he put a quantity of that fluid into his car. It was usually thrown away when the presence of glycol, engine oil in solution, was suspected. He had asked a warrant officer from the camp to give evidence to that effect, but he was unable to appear owing to pressure of work.

Sent up Two Spitfires.

The same afternoon, added Clarke, he received an urgent call to go to another Kent aerodrome to make a Spitfire serviceable and used his own car, with his own petrol and the petrol he had obtained, to answer the call. Later he received an urgent message to go to yet another Kent aerodrome for the same purpose. After the sample had been taken he answered that call, using his own car again. "I used the petrol entirely in the service of the R.A.F.," he said. "But for that I should have been unable to put two Spitfires in the air for H.M. Government."

In reply to the chairman defendant said he could have telephoned to Derby for more coupons, but that would have delayed him two days. If he had interviewed the commanding officer he would have been issued with motor transport spirit but he was unaware of that until he saw the commanding officer the following day.

Mr. Young: To the best of your knowledge this fluid was abandoned for all practicable purposes?

Witness: That is so.

You had no reason to consider this petrol was stolen or unlawfully obtained? You saw it in a tank in the aircraft and took it from that?—Yes.

In reply to Mr. Weale defendant admitted that he had not advanced this explanation at the time. He thought it better to be legally advised before he did so.

Answering the chairman, defendant said there would be between seven and ten gallons of unserviceable petrol left in the tanks in the aircraft.

The chairman: You say that would be looked upon as dregs?

Defendant: Yes.

Mr. Young pointed out that the three gallons or so of petrol involved were used for journeys on H.M. Government service.

Clarke was fined £5 and ordered to pay £2 2s. costs and £1 13s. 4d. witnesses expenses.

SHOCK FOR POSTMASTER

At the same court Herbert Walter Smith, R.A.F. camp postmaster, represented by Mr. T. Hoppit, pleaded not guilty to having in his possession certain H.M. stores—petrol containing a high proportion of motor fuel as supplied to the Air Ministry—which was reasonably suspected of being stolen or unlawfully obtained on 31st July.

Mr. Weale said defendant's car, which was examined in the same way, was found to contain not octane but aviation motor fuel, which was not used for aircraft but could only be obtained through the Air Ministry.

Mr. Weale explained that Smith had obtained a quantity of this spirit by perfectly legitimate means in June when he handed in petrol coupons and the money, as he was allowed to do in connection with his position, but none had been supplied to him since that date. Defendant's story was a little unusual as he suggested that someone put the petrol in his car without his knowledge.

Airmen Court Martialled.

Flight-Lieut. Upward, in reply to Mr. Hoppit, said he examined several other Ford cars similar to that of defendant's at the station. There had been many complaints and a number of airmen had been dealt with by court martial.

Mr. Hoppit: There are any number of Fords at the camp and some of the officers have been court martialled?

Witness: One officer with a similar car has been court martialled.

P/C Ansell said that when he interviewed defendant on 12th August he replied "I cannot understand how the petrol came to be in my private car. Since the sample was taken on 31st July I have discovered further petrol put in my car without my knowledge. This was on 1st August and I reported it to the Air Force police."

Defendant, in evidence, denied that he had ever obtained any R.A.F. petrol unlawfully. He had suspected that petrol was put into the car. He reported the matter to A/C Lister, of the R.A.F. police, who said "If you catch him let us know, old man." He thought that someone put the petrol in his car in mistake for someone else's car.

Smith said he received 15 gallons of petrol a month and used his car only for collecting newspapers and working on the camp. He never used the car for pleasure.

In reply to Mr. Weale defendant said he had the biggest shock of his life when he heard the result of the analysis. He had not reported his suspicions previously because he did not want to make a fool of himself by complaining to the C.O. until he had proof.

Mr. Hoppit mentioned that defendant's car had been badly damaged in air raids 12 months ago.

The chairman said there was an element of doubt in the case and it would be dismissed.

FROM DRAPERY TO DAIRY

Only daughter of the Mayor and Mayoress of Margate, Miss Una Hoare has given up a post as assistant buyer to a large firm of London drapers to join the Women's Land Army.

Miss Hoare, who has always been interested in farming, expects to take up work on a dairy farm in November.

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DESERTED WIFE

GRANTED A DIVORCE

Married at St. Luke's Church, Ramsgate, in June, 1922, Mrs. Winifred Thompson, of Rose Bank, Rhodes Minnis, Elham, applied in the Divorce Court last week for a decree nisi against her husband, Leslie Ralph Thompson, on the ground of his desertion. The petition was undefended.

It was stated that there was one child living of the marriage. Petitioner lived with her husband at various places as he changed his occupation from time to time. In 1932 she returned to live with her parents at Ramsgate. Her husband came there for one week-end in 1934 and she had not seen him since. Petitioner was always willing and ready to return to her husband if he made a home for her but he never did so.

Mr. Justice Bucknill granted a decree nisi with costs and custody of the child.

THRILLS AND ROMANCE

NEW STARS AT ODEON

Action, thrills and romance are to be found in generous proportions in the programmes being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

"Caught In The Draft," a riot of military mishaps, featuring Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour, heads the bill to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow. Cast as a famous film star, handicapped by a horror of loud noises, Bob borrows a recruiting office and stages a fake enlistment to impress his girl-friends. The plan to get himself automatically rejected mis-fires, and he finds he has actually joined up—along with his valet and film agent. Also being shown is "The Leather Pushers," an action picture starring Richard Arlen and Andy Devine.

The thrills of youth are relived in "Andy Hardy's Private Secretary," the latest Mickey Rooney film, which will be shown for the latter part of the week. The picture deals with the problems of Andy as a high school senior and interwoven into it is drama, comedy and romance. The film introduces Kathryn Grayson, a youthful coloratura soprano, who makes her screen debut as Andy's secretary. She is the possessor of a great singing voice and considerable acting ability. The programme will be completed by the comedy picture "Double Date," with Edmund Lowe and Una Merkel.

A MOTHER'S FEELINGS

At the Cinque Ports Juvenile Court, Margate, on Wednesday, a Broadstairs mother explained why she had not evacuated her 13 year old boy to a reception area as directed.

"I think in my own mind that it is best for him to go away," she said, "but there is that mother's feeling that I should like him to be with me."

The boy had been placed on probation for two years when he appeared before the court in May for housebreaking and stealing.

Mr. A. E. Bray, Probation Officer, said that when plans for the boy to go to relatives in Stafford fell through the parents agreed to him being evacuated under the school scheme and a billet was found for him at Tamworth. Later the mother said she wished to keep him at home.

Stating that she was now willing for him to go to Tamworth the mother gave an undertaking to send the boy away and the case was adjourned until Monday to enable the arrangements to be made.

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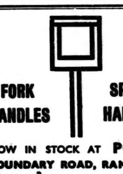

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VETERAN WARDEN'S FUNERAL

Fellow wardens in the A.R.P. service attended the funeral at Ramsgate Cemetery last week of Mr. Edward James Twist, who passed away at the age of 74.

Mr. Twist was one of the first Ramsgate wardens, taking up his duties a few days before the outbreak of war.

When his home was destroyed in an air-raid last year Mr. Twist went to live with a fellow warden, Mr. H. Solly, in St. Luke's-avenue.

For many years Mr. Twist was on the staff of Messrs. R. Millett and Sons, of King-street.

Those attending the funeral included the Chief Warden, Mr. A. T. Grummant, Head Warden H. D. Rose and P/C Young, of the Borough Police Force, and among the floral tributes was a wreath from the Ramsgate A.R.P. wardens.

NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Readers are invited to send to The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," Church-hill, Ramsgate, details concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

The "Advertiser & Echo" is pleased to undertake this service on behalf of the many Thanet people evacuated to other parts of the country, whom their local newspaper keeps in touch with their friends and events at home.

A total of £35,000 has now been contributed by the Kent County Spitfire Fund.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Thanet Figaro.—Mr. F. Blackburn has been thanked for presenting to Ramsgate Library a bound volume of "Thanet Figaro" for the year 1877.

Milk and Meat.—Three samples each of milk and meat products taken for analysis at Ramsgate during the past month have been certified as genuine.

Few Births.—In September the births were registered at Ramsgate of three boys and three girls. The deaths registered numbered 20—11 males and nine females.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices. Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Clerk Called Up.—Mr. E. Gee, Ramsgate A.R.P. Wardens' Clerk, who has been called up for military service, has been replaced by a temporary female clerk at a commencing wage of £2 10s. a week.

Constable's Long Service.—P/C Foster, of Ramsgate Borough Police Force, completed 22 years service on 2nd October and is to be granted an additional long service increment in pay as from that date.

More Fish and Chips?—The Health Committee of Ramsgate Town Council have deferred consideration of an application from Mr. M. F. Exall, of Brixton, to open No. 133 High-street as a fish frying establishment.

Fire Fighting Tanks.—For the purpose of fire fighting, the Gas and Water Committee of Ramsgate Town Council have decided to purchase four tanks, mounted in the form of trailers which can be attached to any vehicle, at an appoximate cost of £46 10s. per vehicle.

Gratuity for Detective. — Ramsgate Watch Committee have granted the application of D/S Fortescue for permission to retain a gratuity of £1 2s. awarded him by the Customs and Excise authorities in connection with the detection of an offence.

Ambulance Staff Officer.—The Ministry of Health have approved the continued appointment of Mr. E. E. Waters as Ramsgate Ambulance Staff Officer for a further period of six months as from 1st October. The appointment will be reviewed at the end of that period.

Health Clerk's Salary.—In view of the work being undertaken by Mr. A. W. Bailey, clerk in the Public Health Department of Ramsgate Corporation, his salary has been increased from £1 10s. to £2 a week as from 21st September.

Stopping the Mosquitoes.—The Medical Officer (Dr. J. V. Walker) has reported to the Health Committee of Ramsgate Town Council that he is in consultation with the Engineer and Manager of the Gas and Water Department with regard to the treatment of static water.

Evacuating Expectant Mothers.—The Kent County Council announce that in view of the number of women desiring to take advantage of the evacuation facilities, arrangements have been made for expectant mothers to proceed to ante-natal hostels near the emergency maternity homes prior to being admitted to such homes.

To Take A.R.P. Course.—P/C Young, of Ramsgate Borough Police Force, who has been seconded to the Wardens' Service, has been nominated for a course at Falfield A.R.P. Training Centre. The usual expenses will be paid by the Council. The Medical Officer (Dr. J. V. Walker) is to attend a short anti-gas course.

MINSTER

Funeral of Mr. G. Hammond.—The funeral took place at Minster Cemetery on Friday of Mr. George Hammond, of 2 St. Heliers, Augustine-road, Minster, who passed away following a year's illness at the age of 66. Mr. Hammond previously lived at Ramsgate but went to live at Minster on the death of his wife four years ago.

Too Much and Too Little Light.—At 7.30 p.m. on 6th October, P/C Thompson, K.C.C., stationed at Minster, saw a soldier and a member of the Women's Land Army riding bicycles which had no rear lights and on which the front lights were not properly screened. Summoned for the offences at Ramsgate County police court on Tuesday Pte. Harold Ernest Bunch and Joyce Ann Sladden, of Hoo Farm Cottages, Minster, wrote pleading guilty and offering to pay any fines imposed by return of post. They were fined 10s. each.

WESTGATE

Bequests to Shaftesbury Society.—Mrs. Hannah Susan Greig, of Apley Rise, Sea-road, Westgate, vice-president of the Shaftesbury Society and president of the Cripples' Parlour, Battersea, who left estate valued at £43,714, bequeathed £2,000 to the Shaftesbury Society and Ragged School Union, and, after other legacies, one-half of the residue of her property for rebuilding the Shaftesbury Welcome, Doddington Grove, Battersea Park-road.

A BIG SUCCESS

SECOND MILITARY BALL

All three services were represented at the second military ball organised by the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) and the Welfare Officer (Mrs. D. Peete), held at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Tuesday.

There were well over 600 dancers and the proceeds of the event are being devoted to the Mayor's Services Comforts' Fund.

A competition organised by the Mayor, the Mayoress and Mrs. Peete realised £7.

TRADE UNIONISTS URGED TO SAVE

Mr. T. W. Eden, vice-chairman, and Mr. D. M Hughes, secretary, represented the Isle of Thanet Trades Council at a conference of Kent Trades Union secretaries held at Maidstone last week.

One of the chief subjects discussed was the official attitude of the Trade Unions to the war savings campaign.

It was pointed out that only one person in eight in Kent had started saving and that the average savings per head of population were only a few shilling a week.

As part of the job of winning the war it was urged that local Trades Councils should take an active part in the formation of savings groups among the workers in co-operation with the local Savings Associations.

HOME GUARD MARKSMEN

The Thanet battalion of the Home Guard gained fifth place in the list of 19 competitors in a recent county Home Guard shooting competition.

In the individual championship Lieut. W. T. Jarman, of Margate, was fifth, dropping only three points. First three places were occupied by competitors who made "possibles."

HELP FOR A.T.C. FUNDS

The sum of £8 6s. the result of a collection and sale of refreshments at the official opening of the headquarters of the Thanet Squadron of the A.T.C. at the Pettman Central School, Margate, has been divided between the welfare funds of the Margate and Ramsgate Flights of the Corps.

Royal Congratulations

FREEMAN'S DIAMOND WEDDING

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. S. G. Langley, of Ramsgate, celebrated their diamond wedding at their wartime home, Rodnicot, Guilton, Ash, near Canterbury.

Among the many messages of congratulation received was one from their Majesties the King and Queen, and another from the Mayor and Corporation of Ramsgate.

Mr. Langley is a Freeman of the Borough, being the first Ramsgatonian to receive the honour, and is an ex-mayor and ex-alderman.

For the past two years Mr. Langley has been in very poor health.

When Mr. and Mrs. Langley celebrated their golden wedding in 1931 they were presented, at a dinner at the Granville Hotel, with a handsome gold cup on behalf of the Mayor (Alderman H. Terry) and members of the Corporation.

Mr. Langley is one of the oldest living "old boys" of St. George's School, and Mrs. Langley was a scholar at the Girls' School.

Mr. Langley's activities were many and varied and he has an excellent record of public service.

He became a member of the old Isle of Thanet Board of Guardians in 1904 and served for over 30 years. He was chairman of the Board for two years and for a number of years was chairman of the Finance Committee.

During the last war Mr. Langley took an active part in connection with the Local Defence Force and in 1917, when many people had left the town, he entered Ramsgate Town Council as a representative of the East Cliff Ward.

From that time until his retirement in November, 1935 he continued a member of the Coporation. He served on all the important committees but was more particularly associated with the Gas and Water Committee, the chairmanship of which he held for nearly ten years. He saw the works transformed from an antiquated business to one of the finest in the country.

In 1929 Mr. Langley was elected an alderman and on 9th November the same year was made Mayor of the borough.

When he received the Freedom in 1936 Mr. Langley said he had lived in Ramsgate all his life and was very proud of the town and proud to have been able to serve his people in the most conscientious way.

Mr. Langley attained high rank locally and provincially as a Freemason and he is one of the oldest members of the Kent County Football Association, of which he is a vice-president.

SHOP WINDOW DISPLAY

AIDS RAMSGATE SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

A window display in the shop formerly occupied by Messrs. Leonard's in Harbour-street, Ramsgate, should effectively assist the town's "Tank Before Christmas" campaign.

The display consists of a large model tank, the handiwork of Mr. V. Attwell, of the Ramsgate National Fire Service, which is seen mounting a pile of defence works.

There is a realistic battle-ground backsheet and a profusion of foliage makes the picture a vivid one.

The display is the work of the energetic members of the Ramsgate Savings Campaign Committee.

The latest group formed is the Montefiore group, of which Mrs. N. Hartley, of Moorhall, Dumpton Park-drive, is the hon. secretary.

FACING REALITIES

"Warship Weeks give us an opportunity of expressing in tangible form our will to win and our appreciation and gratitude to our wonderful Navy," said Lord Kindersley, President of the National Savings Committee in a speech at Maidstone.

"None of us can listen to the news from Russia without realising the seriousness of the situation and being stirred by the strongest sympathy with her sufferings.

"Arising out of the Russian campaign we have two things to learn: Firstly that behind the Nazi creed of lying, of bestiality and terror is the Prussian Military machine which has rightly been described as the most powerful engine of destruction the world has ever known. It is this tremendous war machine, the product of the Prussian mind, utterly inhuman in its cruelties and its bestialities that has ravaged and ravished a whole continent and destroyed millions of human lives. That machine is still unbroken. Let us all face this reality.

"Secondly that this struggle is something infinitely greater than just a war between nations—it is a struggle between two opposing forces in the world, the forces of good and evil, competing to-day for the possession of the soul of man."

THE MODERN KING COLE

Old King Cole
Was a merry old soul,
Before rationing travelled his way;
He'd only to call,
Through a hole in the wall,
And his needs were supplied straight-a way.

Old King Cole
Was a merry old soul,
His pipe was repeatedly filled;
But now bacca's short,
His mind's overwrought,
And mirth for a time rudely stilled.

Old King Cole
Was a merry old soul,
Constantly raising his glass;
But now when he thirsts,
He may call till he bursts,
For his cellar is empty, alas!

Old King Cole
Was a merry old soul,
But he misses his fiddlers three;
In queues they must wait,
Both early and late,
Poor Cole is quite lonely you see.

Old King Cole
Was a merry old soul,
We hope he will be so again;
When bacca abounds,
And beer goes its rounds,
When his fiddlers resume their refrain.

AWARDED SCOUTS' V.C.

Patrol-Leader Michael Benson-Cooper, of the 7th Ealing Troop of Boy Scouts, who formerly led the Raven patrol of the 2nd Birchington (Woodford House) Troop, has been awarded the Cornwell decoration, which is regarded as the Scouts' V.C.

A grandson of Mrs. Logan and the late Mr. A. Logan, of Norfolk House, Birchington, Michael, who is 16 years of age, has received the award in recognition of the great courage he has shown during many years of suffering and because he has in every way proved himself a worthy Boy Scout.

A former headmaster of Simon Langton Boys' School, Canterbury, Mr. J. H. Sharp has died at Leicester.

WHICH WAY?

THE INVASION QUERY

Under the heading "Should Britain Invade, or Wait to be Invaded?" the services newspaper, "Reveille," this week discusses the pros and cons of creating a second front in the West to relieve Russia's hard pressed forces.

After summarising the arguments of those who contend that there never was so propitious a moment to create the second front which Hitler has always feared, "Reveille" proceeds:

Those who are presumed to know the extent of the "hidden revolt" in the occupied countries claim that our force would be multiplied with volunteers inside, who want only arms with which to fight.

This side of opinion has its detractors, who argue that we have not the equipment necessary to invade, and hold, successfully, the enemy country.

But even these detractors point to the Middle East where, they say, an army has been stationary on the borders of Egypt content to remain on the defensive. They argue that there is the best line of attack at the moment.

Forming still another school of thought, who decry invasion by Britain, are those who hold that the Army must be retained in Britain to repel invasion.

These are countered by critics who take the view that invasion is so remote a possibility as to be not worth considering; that it is the Prime Minister's "bogey-man."

They urge that the best way to stop invasion is not by keeping millions of troops idle in this country, but by ourselves invading the invasion ports with the troops!

Since Britain has to be defeated for Germany to win, they say, it would be better for us to invade than be invaded; for the fighting to be outside Britain rather than inside.

They argue further, that if Germany beats Russia, Hitler will possess nearly the whole of Europe; and why on earth should he throw away an army trying to achieve the impossible task of invading Britain when he can starve her by closing to her Europe's markets and leaving her no outlet for the goods the manufacture and sale of which supports her population.

These are the various arguments which are being discussed and canvassed, adds "Reveille," inviting its Service readers to forward their views on the subject.

TEMPLARS KEEP FLAG FLYING

In the autumn issue of the East Kent District Good Templar "Guide and Official Handbook" the "Bat," commenting on the quarterly report of the District Chief Templar, writes:

"It appears safe to say that the position of Templary in East Kent has not changed to any great extent during the quarter, the Lodges mainly continue to meet regularly and every effort is being made to keep the Templar flag flying. Our D.C.T. paid a very high tribute to the courage and determination of coast town members who have carried on operations in face of many dangers and difficulties and expressed his profound admiration of their attitude. It is a matter of pride for this District that despite its close proximity to enemy territory and all that entails in these days of total warfare, most of the Lodges meet regularly, and some have held weekly sessions ever since the commencement of hostilities."

A "BERGY BIT"

How big is an iceberg? Very few people, probably, could answer that question, but that is just one of the curious pieces of knowledge that pilots of the R.A.F. Coastal Command have to possess. Some of their flights take them far into the Arctic Circle, and they must send back reports on what is happening to the ice up there.

So that these reports may be strictly accurate, the pilots and navigators have learned the traditional ice terms current for centuries among the fishermen of the far north.

The answer to the question about the size of an iceberg is that it is "a mass of floating glacier ice rising more than 15 feet above sea level." If it is lower than that, it is not an iceberg, but a "bergy bit."

A bergy bit, the pilots are told, is usually about the size of a cottage.

There are numerous other technical ice terms. "Brash" for instance, is broken ice in small fragments through which a ship can be forced. "Field ice" is a large area of unnavigable ice whose limits may not be visible from the masthead of a ship. "Growlers" are detached pieces of icebergs or pack ice, almost awash.

"Pancake ice" is newly frozen ice, in pieces 1½ to 10 feet in diameter and 2 to 4 inches thick, with slightly upturned edges. The general term for all kinds of soft ice which cannot carry a man, or a seal, is "sludge ice," whereas "slush" is a thin layer of ice crystals covering the sea, so that the ripples disappear and it becomes greyish in colour.

ROOSEVELT'S INSIDE STORY

From the White House, Washington, will shortly come words that will be among the most momentous ever to be uttered by a President of the United States.

President Roosevelt has written his own personal introductions to forthcoming State Papers, revealing for the first time the inside story of his tremendous fight for Democracy.

These newly written introductions will, without doubt, be very carefully read and considered by the governing statesmen of every nation of the world. Certainly, the President's words will have a double and treble significance for the people of this country who will have the opportunity of reading them in a series of articles taken from these introductions which will be published exclusively in this country by the "Daily Herald" beginning to-morrow.

REDUCED INTEREST RATES

From 1st Februray the rates of interest paid by the Halifax Building Society will be 2½ per cent. on subscription shares, 2¼ per cent. on paid up shares and 2 per cent. on deposits, all free of income tax. The reduction of 5s. per cent. in the rates has been primarily necessitated by the increased burden of income tax borne by the Society.

MARGATE'S NEW J.P.

Alderman G. B. Farrar, of Birchington, who has occupied a seat on the magisterial bench for the past four years as Mayor and ex-Mayor, has been appointed a justice of the peace for the borough of Margate.

VISIT OF JOHN HILTON

John Hilton, the popular broadcasting speaker, will, it is announced, address a public meeting at Ramsgate in the near future.

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MEDDLING AND MUDDLING

BUREAUCRACY ENTHRONED

By SIR ERNEST BENN

On the day war was declared, Parliament passed at a single sitting legislation placing in the hands of the Ministry powers far greater than ever previously held by any democratic Government. The whole nation surrendered and consecrated its lives, its liberties and its money to the single purpose of defeating the Nazi aggressor.

It is appropriate, after two years, to examine the use the Government has made of these drastic, indeed dictatorial, powers. Of necessity they were placed in the hands of political ministers and have I fear been used almost as much for political as for war-like purposes. Ministers were entrusted with the task of defending our traditional, normal, free way of life against the threat to enslave us. It was on those terms alone that we made a temporary surrender of our hard won liberties. Now to our amazement Ministers appear to suffer from no sense of breach of trust in declaring their intention to use their powers to change our way of life and to introduce new social systems, having nothing whatever to do with the war and bearing in many respects striking resemblance to the anti-liberty systems against which we are fighting.

An analysis of our expenditure of twelve millions a day shows that a far too large proportion of it is spent in multiplying political offices, in creating redundant and overlapping ministries, in an enormous expansion of inefficient bureaucracy and in general in the exercise of power, not against the enemy, but against our own native liberties. This wholly unwarrantable political and bureaucratic expansion has hindered rather than helped in the winning of the war. Far too much of the time and thought of the Government is occupied in sorting out the conflicting functions and regulating the rivalries of new and wasteful departments and authorities.

Growth of Officialdom.

In the Kaiser's war we surrendered many precious liberties which have not since been restored to us. Between the two wars we have witnessed with dangerous complacence the growth of the official class to five times the 1913 dimensions. In that period these people have hindered our progress, reduced our trade, kept 2,000,000 of us regularly on the dole, closed or ruined many of our vital markets and debased our currency. As in 1914-18, so now, unfair advantage has been taken to seize harmful powers, to further multiply the official class and to bring us nearer than ever to the dictatorial form of government.

When the war is won, we shall be faced with a vast and powerful vested interest in bureaucracy, an interest which should have a very minor place in any system claiming to be based on self-government.

It is noticeable that in the speeches of Ministers there is seldom any appeal to the character, quality, skill, initiative or personal ability of the citizen himself. All that is required of him is that he should "register" in such a way as to place himself under the orders of the bureaucracy. We have, thus, been registered for every conceivable purpose and most of these expensive records have been found to fail in their purpose.

The Central Register is no exception to the general rule. I notice with interest and not without amusement a proposal to introduce the practice of psycho-analysis in order, it is said, to be sure that our man-power is adequately employed. In the result, workers, employers, and private citizens live in a condition of uncertainty and fear, and few of them are able to render that full service which in the nation's need they would gladly give.

There was, for instance, nothing more perfect in our country two years ago than the machinery of the wholesale and retail distributive trades. That machinery was put upon the scrap heap as soon as war broke out, and our supplies of food and other essential things have been reduced both in quality and quantity, and their distribution rendered chaotic by the application of red tape methods.

Dislocation and muddling in such goods and services as are required by the civil population are bad enough. It is still more distressing to know that dislocation and muddle of the same kind are in large measure responsible for keeping the output of the munitions of war much below what it otherwise might be. I am aghast when I find responsible industrialists unable to serve the country as they would because of the weight and mass of theoretical or amateur control.

The Vanished Egg.

No single housewife is under any misapprehension as to the effect of the attempt to control the production and distribution of eggs. The Ministry of Food has removed every incentive to produce an egg. The absence of adequate financial return is a minor matter but the obligation to submit to the dictates and interference of numerous inspectors and controllers and recorders drives all practical people to despair. That in this way the total of the eggs available and the total of the food supply is reduced is not in doubt. What however should be more generally understood is that the humble domestic egg has been treated to the same delaying, destructive and limiting processes that are regularly applied to every gun, ship, aeroplane, or shot required for the purpose of the war.

Much of the work of the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Health, the Board of Trade, the Ministry of Food, to name only the worst offenders, seems to be actuated, not by a desire to win the war, but by a desire to introduce the Socialist State. Many of those responsible for these plans make no secret of their wish to abolish private enterprise, while behind the scenes Socialistic influences, always at work in the Bureaucracy, are taking the same advantage of our wartime plight.

The telescoping of industry, the system by which nucleus firms are selected, the deliberate closing up of private businesses with a view to the subsequent institution of monopolies and later of nationalisation, causes me great alarm. These schemes are not concerned with the war. They were devised years ago and are to be found in detail in Socialistic publications. No protest can be too strong against the introduction of such highly debatable plans at a time when the victims can be blackmailed into acceptance.

A drastic reduction in bureaucratic meddling and muddling, would shorten the war. But it would also provide evidence in support of the theory that we are fighting for Freedom.

CHRISTMAS GREETING SEALS

The sale of Christmas greeting seals in aid of Kent tuberculosis patients is again being organised this year by the Kent Council of Social Service.

YOU CAN STOP THIS

COLDS HOLD UP 3,500 TANKS
20,000,000 DAYS' WORK LOST EVERY YEAR
Coughs and colds caused a loss of time in the war effort in one year equivalent to the production of 3,500 tanks, 1,000 bombers and 1,000,000 rifles.
Sir Wilson Jameson, chief medical officer of the Ministry of Health, informed me yesterday that respiratory diseases, including coughs, colds and influenza, were responsible for more than 30 per cent. of the time lost to industry through sickness.

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YOU WON'T GET COLDS AND YOU CAN'T CATCH 'FLU

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BROADSTAIRS

Mothers' Union Visitor.—Mrs. Chadwell, presiding member for the Dover Deanery, gave an address at a meeting of Broadstairs Holy Trinity Mothers' Union held at the schoolroom last week.

War Savings.—During the week ending 18th October the sum of £768 was invested in war savings at Broadstairs and St. Peter's, compared with £852 the previous week.

Following the King's Example.—Having read in the local press that Brewster Lowings, the 17-year-old Broadstairs boy, has been commended by H.M. the King for his conduct during the fire bomb raid on Ramsgate on 10th May, Ramsgate Civil Defence Committee have asked the Corporation to record their high appreciation of his courage and promptitude.

Funeral of Mrs. E. L. Culver.—The funeral took place at St. Peter's on Wednesday of Mrs. Emily Louise Culver, who passed away at her home, Kildare, Pierremont-avenue, Broadstairs. Widow of the late Mr. Thomas Culver, Mrs. Culver had lived in Broadstairs for a number of years and was a generous supporter of charitable societies. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie and the mourners were the Misses Nellie and Mabel Culver, Mrs. Nicholls and Mrs. Vickers (step-daughters), and Mr. and Mrs. Trickey (brother-in-law and sister).

Death of Mr. W. Robinson.— Brother of Councillor O. Robinson, recently elected a member of Broadstairs Council, Mr. Walter Robinson, formerly of No. 5 Percy-road, Broadstairs, has passed away at the home of his sister at Sturry, near Canterbury. After serving for over 20 years Mr. Robinson retired from the Royal Navy in 1921 with the rank of warrant officer. He served with the Naval Division during the Boer War and during the last war fought at the Battle of Jutland and at the Dardenelles. Mr. Robinson was the third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Robinson, of Grosvenor-road, Broadstairs.

Templar's Jolly Birthday.—Mr. A. B. Impett, chaplain of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., celebrated his birthday on Tuesday by organising a jolly social evening held at the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, for the purpose of sending a gift of cheer to a former member of the Lodge. Mr. T. E. McCabe, who extended birthday congratulations to Mr. Impett, expressed the hope that he would soon enjoy better health. The ladies' jazz band was a feature of the entertainment which included community singing and solo items. Among the greetings received was one from Gnr. R. H. Whiteley, who is serving with the Middle East Forces.

MARGATE

Christmas Greetings.—The Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare) is to send a letter containing Christmas greetings to every Margate prisoner of war.

Group Savings.—During the week ending 11th October 2,365 members of group savings associations at Margate subscribed £192 5s. 6d., compared with £201 subscribed by 2,363 members the previous week.

Firemen's Appointments. — Appointments under the National Fire Service received by Margate firemen are: Station Officer F. Hurley, company officer in E Division; Section Officer M. Shaw, A.F.S., establishment officer of D Division with the rank of company officer; Section Leading Fireman Ruxton, A.F.S., divisional water officer with the rank of company officer; and Section Officer Dunn, A.F.S., acting company officer.

Death of Mr. R. Holden.—Rising from the position of stoker to general foreman at Margate Gas works, where he was employed for over 50 years, Mr. Richard Holden, who retired in 1931, has died at his home, 7 Cecil-street, Margate, aged 81 years. A man of fine physique, over 6 feet in height, Mr. Holden was prominent in local club circles having been president of the Working Men's Club in 1908 and chairman of the Margate Bowling Club. A founder member of Holy Trinity Men's Benefit Club, he was a keen Druid, holding the rank of a fellow of the Supreme Chapter of Britain. He is survived by a widow and one daughter. The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Monday.

WRIGHT WAS WRONG

When told he would be reported, Edwin Wright, of Wilderness-hill, Margate, summoned at the borough court on Wednesday in respect of a light shining from his house at 10.25 p.m. during an air raid warning, was stated to have said to Sergt. A. Brown, of the Special Constabulary "That's all right. Please yourself. I know the Chief Constable probably better than you do."

Explaining that the wind probably blew the curtain back when he opened the door to go into the room, defendant, who was stated to have made things very difficult for the sergeant, was fined £2.

GERMAN STATISTICS

"The Germans state that during four months of war the Soviet Air Force lost 14,500 aeroplanes. If we take into consideration the fact that at the beginning of the war the Germans stated that the Soviet Union had altogether 6,000 planes, and that all these planes were destroyed in the first days of the war, then the conclusion is that the Red Army has already lost two and a half times more aeroplanes than it possessed. It is evident that this is nothing more than a statistical lie."—M. Losovsky, Russian Minister of Propaganda.

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INDOOR SHELTERS

The Regional Authority have given approval for the construction at Ramsgate of 150 wooden indoor shelters at an approximate cost of £3 each, which will rank for grant.

The work of construction has already begun.

"I know of scores of private hotel-keepers who for many months have been working for the Government from 14 to 18 hours a day throughout seven days of every week, only to see a bigger loss accruing as the months pass."—Mr. G. B. Erskine, secretary of the Incorporated Society of Private Hotels.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Attwell.—21st October, at 144 Hawthorne-avenue, Rainham Mark, Gillingham, Kent, to Freda (née Brundle), wife of E. H. Attwell, a son.

Belmore.—11th October, at St. Albans, Old Crossing-road, Margate, the wife of Leonard Belmore, of a daughter.

Cowell.—19th October, at Ramsgate, the wife of Stephen R. Cowell, of a son.

MARRIAGES

Boucher—Masters.—18th October, at St. George's, Harrow, Sergt.-Obsvr. Jack Stewart Boucher, R.A.F., of Broadstairs, to Noreen Edna Masters, R.F.N., S.R.N., of Harrow.

Gair—Potter.—18th October, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, John Mathews Gair, of Southampton, to Grace Lucy Potter, of Ramsgate

Morley—Taylor.—18th October, at the Parish Church, Chipping Norton, 2nd-Lieut. John Graham Morley, Royal West African Frontier Force, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Morley, of Croome Drive, West Kirby, to Winifrid Joan, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. J. Taylor, of The Banks, St. Peter's, Isle of Thanet.

DEATHS

Collins.—20th October, at Staunton House, Coleford, Glos., the Rev. George Grantham Collins, former Vicar of St. Luke's, Ramsgate, aged 81 years.

Cadman.—20th October, at 6 Seafield-road, Ramsgate, the residence of her daughter, Mary Ann, widow of the late Walter Frederick Cadman, suddenly, in her 92nd year. At rest.

Fenner.—20th October, at 120 The Broadway, Southall, Middlesex, Eleanor Blanche Fenner, late of Ramsgate, aged 65 years.

Milnes.—17th October, at Petersfield, Downe-road, Ramsgate, the Rev. Edward Milnes, aged 79 years.

Pidduck.—18th October, John G. Pidduck, formerly of 56 Dane-road, Ramsgate, aged 79 years.

Robinson.—18th October, at Sturry, Walter Robinson, of 5 Percy-road, Broadstairs.

Twist.—16th October, at Ramsgate, Edward James Twist, aged 74 years.

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